

Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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JUNE 27, 2005

FARMERS LOOK TO THE SKY FOR MUCH NEEDED RAIN

A hot and dry week around the state allowed farmers numerous opportunities to get into the field. However, crops are suffering due to the lack of precipitation. Effects of the dry spell include the curling of **corn** in some areas and making it hard for **soybeans** to germinate. **Hay** that was cut dried out very quickly. The second cutting of **hay** is underway, with reports indicating that 33 percent of **alfalfa hay** and 12 percent of all **other hay** have undergone the second cutting of the season. **There were 6.5 days suitable for field work.**

Small grains were reported in mostly good condition. Barley is now 77 percent harvested and wheat harvest is at 26 percent complete. **Barley** was rated 1 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 26 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** was rated 1 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 19 percent excellent.

Pasture was rated 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 12 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 6 percent very short, 4 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 26, 2005 (PERCENT)

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average 2000-2004 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Small Grain Development: | | | | |
| Barley Harvested | 77 | 45 | 82 | 61 |
| Wheat Harvested | 26 | 5 | 44 | 26 |
| Planting Progress: | | | | |
| Cucumbers | 68 | 64 | 48 | 65 |
| Lima Beans | 60 | 52 | 79 | 64 |
| Snap Beans | 73 | 68 | 71 | 75 |
| Sorghum | 82 | 76 | 93 | 81 |
| Soybeans | 86 | 77 | 88 | 74 |
| Sweet Corn | 90 | 88 | 97 | 93 |
| Tomatoes | 95 | 91 | 94 | 96 |
| Emerged: | | | | |
| Soybeans | 75 | 53 | 67 | 61 |

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 2005 (PERCENT)

| Condition | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Topsoil Moisture | 8 | 44 | 47 | 1 |
| Topsoil (2004) | 2 | 5 | 80 | 13 |
| Five Year Average | 3 | 11 | 69 | 17 |
| Subsoil Moisture | 2 | 29 | 69 | - |
| Subsoil (2004) | 3 | 3 | 80 | 14 |
| Five Year Average | 5 | 14 | 66 | 15 |

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 26, 2005

| | Precipitation | | | Temperatures | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|-----|---------|-----------------------------|
| Weather Station | Total this week | Total Since Jan 1 | Departure from Normal Since Jan 1 | High | Low | Average | Departure from Normal |
| Maryland | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore/Washington Airport | 0.10 | 19.40 | -0.15 | 91 | 52 | 71 | -4 |
| Easton | 0.00 | 24.77 | 3.32 | 89 | 53 | 71 | -5 |
| Frederick | 0.09 | 16.73 | -2.69 | 93 | 53 | 71 | 2 |
| Frostburg | 0.18 | 19.78 | -3.24 | 86 | 50 | 65 | 0 |
| Hagerstown | 0.04 | 13.66 | -5.17 | 92 | 56 | 72 | -1 |
| Mechanicsville | 0.23 | 21.46 | -0.38 | 87 | 52 | 69 | -6 |
| Patuxent River | 0.00 | 18.31 | -1.47 | 85 | 54 | 72 | -2 |
| Ocean City | 0.35 | 21.30 | -0.09 | 87 | 50 | 70 | -4 |
| Salisbury | 0.01 | 22.97 | 1.75 | 87 | 42 | 67 | -8 |
| Sharpsburg | 0.12 | 15.94 | -3.48 | 92 | 50 | 69 | -2 |
| Washington, DC (Reagan National) | 0.03 | 20.12 | 2.23 | 91 | 60 | 74 | -4 |
| Delaware | | | | | | | |
| Dover | 1.20 | 22.46 | 1.53 | 88 | 54 | 70 | -6 |
| Georgetown | 0.29 | 20.47 | -0.40 | 88 | 48 | 69 | -5 |
| Wilmington | 0.00 | 18.55 | -1.09 | 89 | 52 | 70 | -4 |

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